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CLAIMS :

1. A natural biodegradable felt suitable for growing seeds, seedlings, or plants comprising
5 a mass of predominately unscoured animal wool, hair, or fur.
2. A natural biodegradable felt as claimed in claim 1, suitable for growing seeds, seedlings
or plants, or for the transporting fruit, shellfish, fish, vegetables and plants, constructed
at least in part from a felt of needlepunched unscoured animal wool.
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3. A natural biodegradable felt as claimed in claim 2 wherein, the substrate includes seeds
lodged in the felt.
4. A natural biodegradable felt as claimed in claim 2 wherein, the substrate is constructed
15 substantially only from the fibres of unscoured sheep wool and dags.
5. A natural biodegradable felt as claimed in claim 2, having a density from 0.01 to 0.3 g/
c.c. and a thickness from 2mm to 60mm.
- 20 6. A method of manufacturing a natural biodegradable felt suitable for growing seeds,
seedlings or plants, the method including producing a batt formed at least in part from
unscoured animal wool, needlepunching the batt to form a felt and forming the felt into a
required shape or length.
- 25 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the method includes introducing seeds into the
felt.
8. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the method includes using a portion of dag
wool in each batt.
- 30 9. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the method includes forming a batt using at
least 80% of woolen fibres shorter than 20mm in length.